

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3930, Military Commissions Act.

The House passed H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10349–S10495

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3963–3993, and S. Res. 589–590. **Page S10457–58**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1463, to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building”. **Pages S10456**

Measures Passed:

Military Commissions Act: By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate passed S. 3930, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10354–S10431**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 255), Specter Amendment No. 5087, to strike the provision regarding habeas review. **Pages S10354–69**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 256), Rockefeller Amendment No. 5095, to provide for congressional oversight of certain Central Intelligence Agency programs. **Pages S10369–78, S10396–97**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 257), Byrd Amendment No. 5104, to prohibit the establishment of new military commissions after December 31, 2011. **Pages S10385–90, S10397–98**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 258), Kennedy Amendment No. 5088, to provide for the protection of United States persons in the implementation of treaty obligations. **Pages S10378–85, S10390–96, S10398**

Secure Fence Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S10431–33**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 5036, to establish military commissions. **Page S10432**

Frist Amendment No. 5037 (to Amendment No. 5036), to establish the effective date. **Page S10432**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment. **Page S10432**

Frist Amendment No. 5038 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 6061 to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish military commissions. **Page S10432**

Frist Amendment No. 5039 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 6061 to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish the effective date. **Page S10432**

Frist Amendment No. 5040 (to Amendment No. 5039), to amend the effective date. **Page S10432**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 260), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S10431–32**

Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Department of Defense Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. **Pages S10433–42**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Friday, September 29, 2006, with a vote on adoption thereon, to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S10433**

China Currency—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the orders of July 1, 2005 and March 29, 2006, with respect to S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful, be vitiated.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement with the European Union (Treaty Doc. No. 109–13); and

Extradition Agreement with the European Union (Treaty Doc. No. 109–14).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

Dana Gioia, of California, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Air Force, Foreign Service.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Measures Read First Time:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—260)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10494.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to military voting, focusing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, which allows absentee voting by members of the military and civilians living overseas, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Paul DeGregorio, Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Derek B. Stewart, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Deborah L. Markowitz, National Association of Secretaries of State, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, U.S. European Command, Vice Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Major General Todd I. Stewart, USAF, (Ret.), of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board, John Edward Mansfield, of Virginia, Larry W. Brown, of Virginia, and Peter Stanley Winokur, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 7,735 routine military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the economy and budget, after receiving testimony from Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, and Peter R. Orszag, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine new aircraft in the National Airspace System (NAS), focusing on developing safety standards and operating procedures to ensure their safe integration